

First Steps Facilitator: Becky Taggart, representing 27 counties

Regional LICC status:

Active LICCs: 10 active LICCs incorporating 20 counties

Inactive LICCs: 1 inactive LICCs incorporating 2 counties

LICCs in development: 5 counties out of 27 not represented (Dallas, Douglas, Ozark, Texas, and Wright)

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

1. Public awareness
2. Child Find
3. Provider Recruitment & Service Provider Recruitment
4. Council membership and establish a formal council with by-laws

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

- Barry/Lawrence LICC ~ Participated in a Health Fair in Mt. Vernon and printed brochures that will be distributed to area physicians, schools and areas where children are present.
- Barton/Dade LICC ~ Does not meet during the summer. Next meeting will be August 15.
- Benton/Henry/St. Clair LICC ~ Intend to participate in the Teddy Bear Fair in August, target child care providers for child find, and increase membership.
- Camden/Laclede LICC ~ Does not meet during the summer. Next meeting will be in September.
- Tri-Lakes First Steps Coordination Council (Cedar, Polk, Hickory) ~ Child care provider class on FS and developmental red flags scheduled for June 28 was cancelled due to low enrollment and will be rescheduled for fall, SPOE and LICC cooperating to contact referral sources with current First Steps contact information as referrals have been lower than in the past.
- Christian/Greene LICC ~ Subcommittee is working on their by-laws and plans were made to increase participation from Christian county by holding meeting there in the fall.
- Jasper LICC ~ Three subcommittees working on provider recruitment, child find and by-laws.
- Phelps/Pulaski LICC ~ Assisted with workshop help June 28 on transitioning from First Steps to ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education).
- Children's Resource Connections (Stone & Taney) ~ Continuing to work on by-laws.
- Webster LICC ~ First meeting scheduled for July 21

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

- Increased public awareness to increase child find
- Need for certain providers in specified areas (translators, audiologists)
- Need to increase membership in the LICCs including how to involve more parents
- More physician and community referrals
- More forms training

- Need for a support system for providers outside the LICC meetings

Key points and significant information to provide SICC:

1. Most of the LICCs are involved in focused Child Find and Public Awareness activities, many of them are collaborating with their SPOEs for public presentations.
2. "Strong leadership in the LICC will lead to better services for families and provide support to providers in our community."
3. "The redesign of First Steps has facilitated numerous referrals to the intake workers. It has also streamlined the process for families and persons making the referrals."
4. Many of the LICCs are working to have established and formal By-laws and membership requirements with focused Action Plans.